**MONTHLY REMINDERS For January 2024**

**St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha County Monthly Newsletter**

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Monthly Quote for Reflection

“Our Lord will be your consolation; this I ask of him for you with all my heart.”

 ~ St. Vincent de Paul



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# **Activities This Month**

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| **January 2024** |
|  1 - Volunteers |
|  8 - St. William |
| 15 - St. Teresa of Calcutta |
| 22 – St. Luke |
| 29 – St. Dominic |

**SVdP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment**

The number of guests at the Meal Program is increasing. Please note new requirements: It is asked that **6-7** conference members arrive at 4:50 with 4 gallons of milk **(2 white & 2 chocolate)** and **80-100** desserts of any type. The commitment is comprised of serving the meal with cleanup afterwards, normally completed by 6:30. Thank you all for your great support of the SVdP Monday meal program. Please contact Peggy Fahl to confirm your assignment and/or if you have any questions. Call/text 414-828-6999 or email pegfahl@gmail.com

**Jan 21 thru Feb 3**

**Waukesha Thrift Store Closure**

The Waukesha Store will be closed for two weeks from Sunday, Jan 21 through Saturday, Feb 3 to replace the entire floor. **There will be no access to the building during this time frame.**

The Oconomowoc and Pewaukee stores will be open as usual. **Please inform your Friends in Need as you write vouchers that they are honored at both locations. You may also consider extending the voucher for more than 30 days.**

**January 22**

**Quarterly Member Meeting
6:45 pm Start
VERCELLI HOUSE – St. William –** 440 N Moreland Blvd Waukesha*.*

Due to the renovation at the Waukesha store including its entrances, we will hold our Quarterly Membership Meeting at Vercelli House at St. William Parish. Vercelli House is a separate building at the southwest corner of the parish campus. (Please note this is not the parish hall). We will also start at a new time (**6:45 p.m.**) and use a different format to kick off 2024. In January, we will focus on **Housing**.  Approximately 58% of conference client aid goes toward housing assistance. All members are invited to attend!  Plan now to attend!  RSVP to Bonnie at bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com or call 262.349.9027.

# **Waukesha Council**

**W-9’s – IRS 1099-MISC**

Thank you to all Conferences who have been diligent in gathering and sending W-9’s and payment tracking spreadsheets to the Council office. Reporting is for the 2023 calendar year, not our fiscal year. Bonnie needs copies of your W-9’s and tracking reports no later than ***January 7, 2024***. This information needs to be combined and sent to our accountants, who submit 1099-MISC forms to the IRS on our behalf. You’ll find a blank W-9 and the tracking form attached to these Reminders, as well as on our website under Conference Officer Forms/Treasurers. The W-9 Master List has been updated and posted on our website.

**IRS 990 Filings**
All Presidents and Treasurers will receive the appropriate IRS 990 filing instructions by email. Please watch your inbox. If you’d like a jump start on the process, all forms are located on the website. Make note, filings are due on or before **February 15, 2024.**

**State of Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Registration and Filing**

Mid to late November conference leaders received two emails:

1. FY22 State of WI – Department of Financial Institutions Charitable Applications and Financial Reports for conference records.
2. FY23 guide and instructions

If you need your conference instruction forwarded, please contact Julie.

Conferences that filed with the State of WI – Department of Financial Institutions last year, and all conferences who file a 990 EZ with the IRS are required to file annually. It is recommended that this filing become routine and taken care of during the same time frame the IRS 990 EZ’s are submitted.

Filing with the State is based on income. Income also determines the type of form used. Each Fiscal Year McIntyre will monitor conference income thresholds and inform conferences who may be required to file. This review is in process. If your income requires a State filing, you will be notified.

**Safeguarding**

The SVdP Milwaukee Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy was approved August 28, 2023. All nine Councils in the Archdiocese will follow its protocol.

Through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, CMG (Catholic Mutual Group) programmers created a database for SVdP. Currently several Councils have started creating administrators to get a closer look and learn how to navigate the database. Waukesha is in the process of doing the same. We will keep you informed.

**A New Vincentian Opportunity**

We are forming our first SVdP Waukesha Finance Advisory Committee. This Committee will provide guidance and oversight on financial matters to assist our Waukesha Council Board in fulfilling our fiduciary responsibilities. The Committee will advise in the areas of budgeting, financial reporting and analysis, internal controls and risk management, investment and asset management, compliance and legal oversight, and board education.

We are looking for five or six committee members. If you have experience which fits with this committee’s work and are interested in learning more about it and possibly serving on this committee, please email Carol Maurer. We’ll find time to talk! Thanks for your support as we continue to strengthen our Waukesha SVdP Society. cmaurer@wi.rr.com or cmaurer1945@gmail.com

**Active Membership Status**

The Council receives many member changes from Associate to Active status that cannot be entered because the member has never attended an Ozanam Orientation. While you won’t find this included in the Rule or Manual, below is the official ruling.

The following is an excerpt from Resolution 93 which was approved by the National Council on September 2, 2011.

*“Therefore be it resolved that the National Board of Directors recommends that the National Council require that:*

*• All new active members must attend Ozanam Orientation within one year.*

*• All existing members of the Society should be required by their Councils to attend an Ozanam Orientation in order to reacquaint themselves with the “spirituality and heritage” of the Society and prepare themselves to enter the “Vincentian Pathway” process.*

*• The Ozanam Orientation should be taken before taking office, for all Council and Conference officers and Spiritual Advisors, but must be taken within one year after taking office. All Executive Directors are required to take the Ozanam Orientation within one year of being hired.*

*• The effective date for this resolution is January 1, 2012.”*

# **SVdP National and North Central Region Announcements**

**Friends of the Poor (FOP) Grant Applications – DUE JANUARY 15**

**Short notice! Move fast!**

Announced in the E-Gazette, North Central Region conferences and Councils may apply for a Friends of the Poor Grant. Grants are targeted to specific areas of need, above and beyond available resources. The hitch is, the application is due by January 15. Sorry about the short notice.

Click here <https://members.ssvpusa.org/fundraising-development/fop-grants/> to learn more about this wonderful opportunity.

In a snapshot, this is a list of common requests acceptable for this grant.

What can grant funds be used for?

* Rental/housing assistance
* Utility assistance
* Food/clothing assistance
* Medical assistance
* Transportation assistance
* Baby/children needs

Any one of these items display conference work. It’s worth a try! Note, there are reporting requirements. Attached you will find the application and reporting form. For more information, please view full instructions on the link noted above. Good luck!

# **Programs & Ministries**

**Summer Lunch Meeting
February 7, 2024 at 1:00 pm
Council Meeting Room**

We will be reviewing the 2023 summer, its successes and shortfalls and begin planning for the 2024 Summer. One of the main items we will cover is to learn how many conferences will be involved this upcoming summer. It is imperative to learn this to ensure we will have enough conferences/volunteers to cover the summer. We will also discuss Summer Lunch locations. Please take the month of January to determine if your conference will be involved and bring your thoughts to this meeting.

**2024 Back-to-School Program**St. William has graciously offered their gym to us for our Back-to-School Program next fall. Donation drop off and backpack assembly will take place Monday – Thursday over a two week period, Aug 5 – 15, 2024.

As you look at your parish calendar for 2024, please consider any weekend on or before August 11 to host a Back-to-School supply drive.

**Jail Ministry News**

**Project Angel Tree**Thank you to everyone involved in the success of the 2023 Christmas holiday Project Angel Tree program. YOU provided many parents and their children a brighter Christmas holiday. Watch for a summary of the program In the February REMINDERS. Blessings to you all for participating in this wonderful program.

# **Getting Ahead**

As we begin the new year, Getting Ahead would like to share a huge “Thank you” to everyone who supported

the program in 2023!

From the meals to the mentoring, the referrals to the follow-up, the giving of time and financial support… we are

so grateful.

We had the joy of having 19 individuals graduate from our workshop in December. Their smiling faces say it all,

as they continue their journey towards financial stability.

We look forward to continuing this work together in 2024.

The Getting Ahead Team



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***Ending Poverty – One person, One neighborhood, One community at a time.***

# **A logo of people holding hands  Description automatically generated Stores**

**Voucher Category Updates**

The Stores continue to refine the Categories used in the stores. Here are recent and new changes that have been made:

* Shoes were separated from Accessories and are now Shoes, and Purses and Luggage.
* Sporting Goods is now a subcategory of Home (although we don’t see that when entering a Voucher). Enter bicycles and tents under the Home Category.
* The description of Clothing is defined to anything that is worn on the body. This includes hats, gloves, scarves, belts, socks, underwear, etc.
* Electronics are defined as anything that gets plugged in, including toys. The only exception are items that fall under the Appliance category.
* Mattresses are only sold from the Waukesha store. If you write a voucher for a mattress and furniture, be aware that a voucher for delivery is only for one delivery trip. If furniture is purchased from another store in addition to a mattress, a second delivery charge may be necessary. However, a twin and possibly full size may be able to fit in a van, pickup or SUV so the FIN can take it home by him/herself and use the delivery on furniture from Pewaukee or Oconomowoc.

This is a reminder to NEVER enter a number in the Qty Limit field of a Voucher. This field must be left Blank. For those of you who rarely enter a Voucher, please note there is a short & sweet version of instructions for entering a Voucher above the Category listing. Please refer to it if you are unsure of the process.

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 **MINISTRIES**

# **Conference Resources**

**Conference Corner**

*In the "Conference Corner" this month, we spotlight our friends at St. Charles Conference in Hartland:*

*“St. Charles SVdP currently has 38 active members. We have a home visit team of 17 members and have one member each month take the calls for assistance. I think all of our home visit team members would agree that helping neighbors helps benefit both them and us. Our good works strengthen our faith.*

*We also have an active food pantry. It is through the generosity of our parish members that we can keep the shelves stocked all year. We also benefit from food drives by the Boy Scouts, and others. Every December the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train makes a stop in Hartland. One of their requirements is people bringing food donations for this event. All food and monetary donations are split between us and the Hartland food pantry. We have members with SVdP vests on collecting the food and money. This year 4,800 pounds of food was donated and split. One of our members was interviewed on a local TV station, and she was also asked to go on stage and thank everyone for their support. This was a very good showing for SVdP. It also took a team to sort and store all of the food the next day.*

*Living in the Hartland area many people do not realize that there are people in need in this area. Although we are below the statewide level of food insecurity (9.1%), Waukesha Co. still has 6.1%, or just over 25,000, of its residents with inconsistent access to enough food to live an active, healthy life. We encourage neighbors needing help making ends meet to use the food pantry to save money. We serve many single mothers, people who have lost their jobs, and others.”*

*If you have responses to last month’s article, please send them in and your conference may be part of next month’s Conference Corner. Questions, comments, responses, etc. please contact Rob Shelledy at* *rshelledy@svdpwaukesha.com* *or 262-327-8089.*

**Resources for Veterans and their Families**

Please remember that one question to ask your Friends in Need is “Have you or a member of your family ever served in any branch of the U.S. military?” If the answer to this question is “yes,” they may be eligible for housing and employment services from the Center for Veterans Issues. The Waukesha County contact for CVI is George Wandsnider (cell phone: 414-544-8245) and george.wandsnider@cvivet.org). George was an active Vincentian before he moved to Waukesha. If you have questions, please review their website at [www.cvivet.org](http://www.cvivet.org) or call George.

**Conference and Member Questions and Answers (from the E-Gazette National Newsletter)**

**Q:  Should we continue to support the neighbor who refuses to even look for employment outside his/her chosen profession?**

**A:** The Conference makes the decision whether to help or not, including to help only once or on a continuing basis based on the perceived ability of the neighbor to help oneself. The Conference decides if the need is real and if they have the resources to help. Listening and counseling, including employment options, can also be part of our Vincentian service.

**Index of Conference & Member Q & A**Questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. The National office has put together a collection of all Questions & Answers since this practice started! *Index of Conf & Member Q&A's*Pam Hudson, National Director of Governance & Membership Services, phudson@svdpusa.org

# **What’s Ahead**

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| **February 2024** | **March 2024** |
|  5 - St. James, MF |  4 - St. Catherine |
| 12 - St. John Neumann | 11 - St. Charles |
| 19 - St. James, Muk | 18 - St. Leonard |
| 26 – St. John Vianney | 25 - St. Mary |

**SVDP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment**

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414-828-6999 or email pegfahl@gmail.com

**February 7
Summer Lunch Mtg**1:00pm – 2:30pm
Council Meeting Room

**Feb 15**IRS deadline to file conference 990’s.

**February 20
Best Practice**6:30pm – 8:00pm
Council Meeting Room

# **Petitions**

**Prayer for Health for all our members and their families**

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless our sick sisters and brothers, so that they may bear their illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore them to health and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.